



August Updates!

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Welcome to HSTW and MMGW!

We are excited to begin year four as a High Schools That Work and Making Middle Grades Work state. We now have 36 programs representing 28 South Dakota schools as a part of the state network. We welcome the following "new" high schools: Tea, Andes Central, Baltic, Beresford, Bridgewater, Sanborn Central and Brandon. We also welcome back schools that have been a part of the network for one to three years: Burke, Chamberlain, Chester middle and high, Dakota Valley, Deuel middle and high, East Dakota Alternative, Emery, Flandreau middle and high, Kimball, Lake Area Multi-District, Madison, Pierre middle and high, Rutland, Spearfish, Sturgis middle and high, Timber Lake, Tri-Valley, Vermillion middle and high, Wall, Watertown middle and high, Wessington Springs, and Tea middle.

High Schools That Work and Making Middle Grades Work are sponsored by the Office of Career and Technical Education through the South Dakota Department of Education. I serve as the State Coordinator for both Initiatives and can be reached at:

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Please feel free to contact me. Even though I'm "on the road" quite frequently, I check email daily. Using my cell phone number is a sure bet to reach me.

A newsletter similar to this will be coming to you monthly. The newsletters will be kept short and to the point. The purpose is to let you know upcoming events, as well as to provide information on testing, new programs, etc. that you need to know. If you would like to be removed from the newsletter subscription list, please let me know. If you have others that you would like to add, let me know that also.



Mark Your Calendars!

Put these dates on your calendar! More information will follow on these events soon!

September 27 - HSTW/MMGW Network Meeting – Mitchell

October 2-3 – Site Development Workshop for New Schools – or for those wanting a refresher! – Mitchell

October 16-17 - Data Retreat – Mitchell

This workshop is for all schools who gave students the HSTW Assessment last January/February

Technical Assistance Site Visits

Dates have been set for technical assistance site visits at these schools:

Baltic – November 13 -15

Burke – October 24 – 26

Lake Area Multi District & Watertown High School – December 6-8

Madison – October 31, 31, and November 1

Timber Lake – November 13 – 15

Wessington Springs – October 17-19

Would the following schools call me to discuss setting up a technical assistance site visit---or a technical review visit:

Andes Central, Beresford, Brandon, Bridgewater, Chester, Flandreau, Sanborn Central, Sturgis, Tri-Valley, Tea, and Watertown Middle School. Schools new to the network have the option of waiting until next year for the onsite visit.

Technical Review Visits to schools are usually scheduled 18 month after the Technical Assistance Site visit. These 1 ½ day visits focus on program made toward achieving the challenges outlined during the Technical Assistance Review.

Check out these websites!

<http://doe.sd.gov/octe/highschools/index.asp> - SD HSTW/MMGW
sreb.org – “National” High Schools That Work



Memorandum of Understanding

Each year, all SD Schools participating the in the HSTW/MMGW network are asked to sign a Memorandum of Understanding. Would you print off the Memorandum on the HSTW webpage and return to me at 715 E 14th Street, Sioux Falls SD 57104. Here's the link:

<http://doe.sd.gov/octe/highschools/index.asp>